

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 32

To eliminate a requirement for a unanimous verdict in criminal trials in Federal courts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 19, 1999

Mr. THURMOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF RULE 31 OF THE FEDERAL**
4 **RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Rule 31(a) of the Federal Rules
6 of Criminal Procedure is amended by striking “unani-
7 mous” and inserting “by five-sixths of the jury”.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
2 section (a) shall apply to cases pending or commenced on
3 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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